

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lyn Hughes

Overview of the Collection

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| Repository: | The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com |
| Creator: | Hughes, Lyn, 1945- |
| Title: | The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, |
| Dates: | July 11, 2019 |
| Bulk Dates: | 2019 |
| Physical Description: | 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:55:45). |
| Abstract: | Museum director and cultural activist Lyn Hughes (1945 -) founded the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum in 1995, and is the author of <i>An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porters National Historic Registry Of African American Railroad Employees</i> . Hughes was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 11, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview. |
| Identification: | A2019_052 |
| Language: | The interview and records are in English. |

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Museum director and cultural activist Lyn Hughes was born on March 1, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Otis and Alberta Cooper. She graduated from Spertus College in Chicago, Illinois before receiving her Ph.D. degree in education with a minor in museum studies from Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb, Illinois.

Hughes was a professional entertainer, singing in a girl's group beginning in high school. She left the music business and began working in real estate and cultural economic development in Chicago. Hughes did this so more than a decade before founding the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum in 1995. The National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum is the first Black labor history museum in the United States focused on the story of the Pullman Porters, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters labor union, and its founder A. Philip Randolph. Since then, she served as a subject matter specialist on the Pullman Porters, and has been a consultant on numerous documentary films on the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, including the 2003 *Showtime* docudrama *10,000 Black Men Named George*. Her work with the museum has been featured on *ABC's Good Morning America*, and in publications like *USA Today*, *Essence*, *AARP*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. She authored the book, *An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porters National Historic Registry Of African American Railroad Employees* in 2007, and created the companion national traveling exhibition, "From Servitude to Civil Rights." In 2010, Hughes was elected museum president emeritus, and subsequently served as a consultant for Cultural Edutainment, LLC. In 2012, Hughes was the founding director of the Center For Black Labor Research, in Chicago; and, in 2016, she became the creator and host of *Live From Pullman National Monument*, a talk radio show focused on cultural economic development tourism.

Hughes received the Living Legacy Award from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), a Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars 2006 honor, the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the Amistad Research Center, is listed in the *Who's Who Registry Among Executive and*

Professional Women 2008, and received The Purpose Prize from Encore.org in 2013.

Lyn Hughes was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 11, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Lyn Hughes was conducted by Harriette Cole on July 11, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Museum director and cultural activist Lyn Hughes (1945 -) founded the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum in 1995, and is the author of *An Anthology of Respect: The Pullman Porters National Historic Registry Of African American Railroad Employees*.

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Restrictions on Access

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Hughes, Lyn, 1945-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hughes, Lyn, 1945---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Museum Director

HistoryMakers® Category:

CivicMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, July 11, 2019. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_001, TRT: 1:20:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_002, TRT: 2:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_003, TRT: 3:29:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_004, TRT: 4:30:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_005, TRT: 5:29:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_006, TRT: 6:27:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Lyn Hughes, Section A2019_052_001_007, TRT: 7:08:01 ?